

MONROE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2014
City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

The meeting was opened at 5:31 pm by Chair Garry Knapp.

Present: Chair Garry Knapp, Vice-Chair Lucie Fortin, Secretary Cheryl Miller, Commissioners Bob Cebina and Karen Feldman

Excused: Commissioner Mary Minney

Also present: Loretta LaPointe, Recreation Manager, Tammy Yount, Recreation Office Manager, Councilperson John Iacoangeli, Dan Swallow, Director of Economic and Community Development, Dan Stafanski and Rob Peven

Presentations:

Dan Stafanski of the Commission on the Environment (COTE) discussed COTE's accomplishments with regards to the River Raisin. He stated that COTE would like to incorporate the river with the parks. Specifically, with regards to St. Mary's Park and its retaining wall. COTE is requesting that as the Recreation Advisory Commission develops park plans that they partner with COTE to develop plans and assist in preparing and requesting grants.

Rob Peven, Monroe County Planner, presented the Monroe County Water Trail Plan and discussed the Plan as it pertains to the City of Monroe. He stated that the County would like to work with the City to establish accessible launch sites at Veterans and Hellenberg Parks and develop consistent signage throughout the trails.

Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2014

Chair Garry Knapp called for approval of the September 24, 2014 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Bob Cebina to accept the minutes, supported by Lucy Fortin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Manager's Report

Loretta LaPointe advised the Commission of the City application for the Levitt Amp Grants.

New Business

B. Hall of Recognition

Loretta LaPointe discussed past recognitions and the changes she proposes for the Hall of Recognition policy. She proposed that the Commission reinstate the Hall to honor those who deserve recognition.

C. Cost Recovery

Loretta LaPointe distributed and discussed the Willamalane Cost Recovery Model as a resource for use in the future as the Commission discusses programming and funding.

Communications

Loretta LaPointe distributed copies of the CIP Budget recommendations that were discussed at the September 24, 2014 meeting.

Commissioner Comments

Dan Swallow, Director of Economic and Community Development introduced City Manager, George Brown's draft of the Option and Analysis for Re-establishment of a Department of Parks and Recreation and the Addition of Coordinator of Communications, Cultural Activities and Special Events.

Councilman Iacoangeli discussed the Option and Analysis and urged the Commission to attend the Council Work Session to be scheduled in November regarding this subject.

Councilman Iacoangeli asked of the status of the MRPA's free programs. Loretta LaPointe advised that she is waiting for the State of Work for the free text message program to be signed before she can move forward with the IT Department.

Motion to adjourn made by Lucy Fortin, supported by Cheryl Miller.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.